

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Evil Genius

**Other known title(s):** Evil Genius (Episodes 1-4)

**OFLC ref:** 1800241.000

**Medium:** Video On-Demand

**Distributor:** Netflix

**Director:** Trey Borzillieri and Barbara Schroeder

**Country of origin:** United States

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Chief Censor

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
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**Descriptive note:** Depicts actual death, extreme cruelty

**Display conditions:** When the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown by way of a label issued in accordance with a direction under section 36(A)(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, that is brought to the attention of viewers before they begin watching.

**Date of entry in Register:** 28 June 2018

**Date of direction to issue a label:** 22 June 2018

**Date of notice of decision:** 28 June 2018

### Summary of reasons for decision:

‘Evil Genius’ is a four-episode true crime documentary series distributed and published by Netflix, an international subscription Video on Demand (VOD) service based in the USA. The Chief Censor called in this publication for classification on 22 May 2018 under s 13(3) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), after a member of the public contacted the Classification office, concerned about the archival footage of an actual murder, and the fact the series carried no warning of this content. Under s 13(3), the Chief Censor may call in any publication to the Classification Office for consideration. The series was examined and subsequently given an R16 rating with the descriptive note ‘Depicts actual death, extreme cruelty’.